AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the Title paragraph at page 1, beginning at line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

Huffman coding and decoding based upon sectioning of a Huffman coding tree

Replace the paragraph at page 13, beginning at line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

The processor 22 has an input 21 for receiving data for decoding and gas has an output 23 for providing decoded data. The height of the Huffman tree is known in the decoder. This may be communicated to the decoder in a header provided with the data for decoding.